Grading system

204. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to introduce grading system for class X students from 2009-2010 in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has made consultation with various sections of society before introducing grading system in the country; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has decided to introduce grading system at Secondary School for class X Board examination, 2010 and for continuous and comprehensive evaluation (CCE) for class IX from academic session 2009-10 in the schools affiliated to CBSE.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. National Policy on Education, 1986 (as revised in 1992) suggests that grades be used in place of marks. The National Seminar on Scaling and Grading organsed by NCERT in July, 1987, the Conference of Councils of Boards of Secondary Education held at Mysore in 1988, and the Conference of the Chairman and Secretaries of the Boards of School Education organized by NCERT in August, 1990 had also recommended use of grading system. National Curriculum Framework, 2005 mentions use of this.

CBSE has also consulted various stakeholders before introducing the grading system and they have supported introduction of the same.

Public-Private-Partnership to establish KVs

205. SHRI BHAGIRATHI MAJHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken a scheme to attract around Rs. 10,000 crores of private investment in universalizing/improving quality of primary and secondary education and working out a Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) to establish 2,500 Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme, indicating distribution of KVs, State-wise; and

(c) the steps so far taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Setting up of Madarsa Board

206. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up Madarsa Board;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether views of all stakeholders have been ascertained;

(d) if so, the details of such views; and

(e) the strategy of Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (e) The proposal in regard to establishing a Central Madarsa Board, through an Act of Parliament, for standardizing the education in modern subject of Science, Maths, etc. which are non-theological was proposed in a report of National Conference organized by the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions (NCMEI). The proposed Board, according to the Report, would award qualifications in modern non-theological subjects which would enable students undergoing instructions in them in schools managed by Madars as which are voluntarily seeking assistance under the existing Central Scheme of Modern Subjects in Madarsas to gain access to mainstream higher education through equivalence to qualifications from Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and other Secondary or Senior Secondary Boards. The said Conference was attended by various stakeholders, including prominent Muslim educationists, representatives of Madarsas managements and community leaders. It is not a proposal which has been initiated by the Ministry of Human Resource Development. The Government is of the view of that any decision in this regard shall be taken only in the event of there being consensus among all stakeholders.

Accommodation of retired bureaucrats

207. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that retiring/ retired bureaucrats of his Ministry are being accommodated on plum posts;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the action being taken to stop this practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.